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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKAYUKI TSUKIMOTO

Application No.: 10/047,108

Filed: January 17, 2002

For: VIBRATION ELEMENT AND
VIBRATION WAVE DRIVING
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Examiner: Jaydi A. Aguirrechea
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 4, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following election and remarks in the subject application.

REMARKS

In the Official Action dated June 4, 2003, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement. Specifically, the Examiner identified the following groups of claims as representing independent and distinct inventions: